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1. LAT EVENING FOREIGN MINISTER BAC IN PASSING ASIDE TO EMBASSY MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SAID AMBASSADOR IDRIS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF INDO DEL HAD TOLD HIM THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE ICCS. HE SAID THAT THE INDONESIAN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A TACTIC "FOR THE BUDGET". WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE AUTHORITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THIS COMMENT. IT COULD BE RELATED TO INDONESIAN CONCERN OVER PRESENT AND FUTURE MAP LEVELS OR IT COULD BE CONCERNED OVER CONTINUING INDONESIAN UNHAPPINESS OVER INEFFECTUAL U.S. ACTION RELATING TO ICCS BUDGET.

2. WE ALSO BELIEVE CURRENT INDONESIAN POSITION SHOULD BE READ IN CONNECTION WITH OPINIONS OF INDONESIAN EMBASSY HANOI WITH WHICH WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY JAKARTA FAMILIAR THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO DRAW THE INFERENCE EITHER THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING WITHDRAWAL OF ICCS CONTINGENT OR THAT MALIK IS AGAIN EMBARKED ON EFFORT TO INVOLVE HIMSELF AND INDONESIA IN DIPLOMATIC PRESSURES TO BRING ABOUT RAPID "POLITICAL SETTLEMENT". WE ARE INCLINED TO THE LATTER VIEW.

3. IN ANY CASE WE WOULD RECOMMEND VERY STRONGLY AGAINST ANY

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INVOLVEMENT OF THE SECRETARY AT THIS TIME WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE

EXPECTATION OF POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC ROLE FOR INDONESIA WHICH WE WOULD OPPOSE AS AN UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATING INTRUSION INTO AN ALREADY COMPLEX PROCESS. WHETHER WASHINGTON WISHES TO ACCEDE TO ALDRICH AND/OR STEARNS HIGH LEVEL VISIT IS A QUESTION ON WHICH WE HAVE LESS STRONG FEELINGS ALTHOUGH WE FAIL TO SEE WHAT CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS MIGHT ENSUE.

WE ASSUME EMBASSY JAKARTA AND DEPARTMENT HAVE RECEIVED THE EXTRAORDINARILY FORTHCOMING STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER BAC AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING Q & A SESSION WITH THE PRESS (REFS B AND C) WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE HELPFUL. WE WOULD THINK MESSAGE ALONG LINES ALREADY ELOQUENTLY CONVEYED BY AMBASSADOR NEWSOM FROM ACTING SECRETARY MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

4. WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE CLEARLY THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT INDONESIA IS ALREADY ACTING AS AMBASSADOR NEWSOM HAD SUGGESTED IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS GOOD RELATIONS WITH HANOI, THE BLOC COUNTRIES AND THE THIRD WORLD GENERALLY TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE ITSELF IN THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS. THE POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT THIS IS AN INVOLVED WAY OF SATISFACTORILY ANSWERING THE RECENT DRV COMPLAINT ABOUT PROPRIETY OF INDO DEL CARRYING OUT UNILATERAL INVESTIGATIONS. WE DO NOT SEE FROM HERE THAT OUR ENCOURAGEMENT OF SUCH INVOLVEMENT IN THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY TO U.S. INTERESTS.

5. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE THAT IS PRESIDENT SUHARTO IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING WITHDRAWAL OF THE ICCS CONTINGENT MAY WELL BE A REALITY. BUT OUR CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT EVEN IF THIS WERE TO TAKE PLACE IT WOULD NOT EXACTLY BE THE END OF THE WORLD AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT PAY AN UNACCEPTABLE PRICE TO GUARANTEE AGAINST THIS CONTINGENCY.
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